



Department of Defense **DIRECTIVE**

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SUBJECT: DoD Executive Agent (EA) for Medical Materiel

- References:
- (a) Title 10, United States Code
 - (b) DoD Directive 5100.88, "DoD Executive Agent" September 3, 2002
 - (c) Joint Publication 4-02, Doctrine for Health Service Support in Joint Operations, 30 July 2001
 - (d) Joint Publication 4-02.1, Joint Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Health Service Logistics Support in Joint Operations, 06 October 1997

1. PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority of the Secretary of Defense under reference (a), this Directive:

- 1.1. Designates the Director, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) as the Medical Materiel Executive Agent for the Department of Defense (DoD).

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

2.1. This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components").

2.2. Per reference (b), this Directive identifies the responsibilities, functions, and authorities of the EA and the relationship of the EA to the other DoD Components worldwide, in peacetime, wartime, for homeland defense and other contingencies.

3. DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this directive are defined in enclosure 1.

4. POLICY

It is the DoD policy that the Medical Materiel EA shall:

4.1. Function as the single point of contact to establish the strategic and operational relationships, capabilities and the systems architecture necessary for effective and efficient Class VIII supply chain support for the DoD.

4.2. Collaborate directly with Combatant Commands and Services to plan the provision and distribution of Class VIII sustaining materiel, and execute formal agreements as necessary to achieve in-theater and homeland support.

4.3. Collaborate directly with Combatant Commands and Services to consolidate DoD requirements for Class VIII surge and sustainment materiel and execute sourcing and distribution plans, agreements and contracts to support theater forces.

4.4. Program, obtain and provide necessary resources to support Class VIII materiel readiness, and in doing so consolidate funding and acquisition programs to reduce duplication and redundancy in surge and sustainment programs.

4.5. Delineate roles, responsibilities and authorities among the organizations and elements that comprise the supply chain.

5. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Secretary of Defense shall provide policy, guidance, and oversight as necessary to ensure the timely and successful implementation of this Directive.

5.2. The Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) shall include the EA in matters regarding DoD policy for military contingency and wartime planning and execution.

5.3. The Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness) shall establish overall policies to ensure supply chain effectiveness.

5.4. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall include requirements for implementation of the Directive in the budgets of the EA and other DoD Components as necessary.

5.5. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) shall establish overall policies, programs, and standards that govern DoD medical materiel programs.

5.6. The Commanders of the Combatant Commands shall:

5.6.2. Collaborate with the EA in developing requirements regarding the medical materiel needed by units within their area of responsibility (AOR).

5.6.2. Integrate the EA into the joint operations planning and execution processes.

5.6.3. Integrate EA recommendations for inter- and intra-theater receipt, storage, and distribution of medical materiel and, when necessary, support personnel for deliberate, crisis action and exercise planning per references (c) and (d).

5.6.4. Provide an assessment of the EA's effectiveness and efficiency in meeting requirements and make appropriate recommendations for improvements.

5.6.5. Provide guidance and direction to theater lead agents that have been delegated authority for Class VIII support.

5.7. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

5.7.2. Provide the EA with accurate requirements data for forecasting and sourcing the types and quantities of medical materiel to be procured for Military Services' use in peacetime, wartime, homeland defense, contingencies, and exercises, the location of where these items will be needed, and the periods in which they are required.

5.7.2. Provide reimbursement and funding to the EA for materiel provided at point of issue, as well as budget for changes resulting from implementation of this Directive, according to Financial Management Regulations.

5.7.2. Ensure adequate equipment and trained personnel to discharge the responsibilities in this Directive.

5.7.2. Provide an assessment of the EA's effectiveness and efficiency in meeting requirements and make appropriate recommendations for improvements.

5.7.2. In addition, the Secretary of the Army shall:

5.7.5.1. Execute SECDEF/CJCS taskings to provide peacetime, wartime, contingency, and exercise medical materiel support for Army units. Provide the necessary force structure to operate Class VIII support for Army units.

5.7.5.2. Provide initial outfitting of class VIII materiel for level 1-4 Army field and combat units.

5.7.5.3. When Army is designated as Lead Agent (LA), coordinate all theater Class VIII requirements with Combatant Commands, Service components, and the EA.

5.7.5.4. Be prepared to assume role as lead agent in a theater of operation. Coordinate with EA/LA all Class VIII support required for Army units.

5.7.2. In addition, the Secretary of the Navy shall:

5.7.6.1. Execute SECDEF/CJCS taskings to provide peacetime, wartime, contingency, and exercise medical materiel support for Navy and Marine Corps units. Provide the necessary force structure to operate Class VIII support for Navy and Marine Corps units.

5.7.6.2. Provide initial outfitting of Class VIII materiel for level 1-4 naval field and combat units.

5.7.6.3. When Navy is designated as LA, coordinate all theater Class VIII requirements with Combatant Commands, Service components, and the EA.

5.7.6.4. Be prepared to assume role as LA in a theater of operation. Coordinate with EA/LA all class VIII support required for naval units.

5.7.2. In addition, the Secretary of the Air Force shall:

5.7.7.1. Execute SECDEF/CJCS taskings to provide peacetime, wartime, contingency, and exercise medical materiel support for Air Force units. Provide the necessary force structure to operate Class VIII support for Air Force units.

5.7.7.2. Provide initial outfitting of Class VIII materiel for level 1-4 Air Force field and combat units.

5.7.7.3. When Air Force is designated as LA, coordinate all theater Class VIII requirements with Combatant Commands, Service components, and the EA.

5.7.7.4. Be prepared to assume role as lead agent in a theater of operation. Coordinate with EA/LA all class VIII support required for Air Force units.

5.8. The Director, Defense Logistics Agency shall:

5.8.1. Establish the strategic and operational relationships necessary to achieve effective Class VIII supply chain support. Establish formal agreements with theater, geographic or functional LA to act in concert with and on behalf of the Executive Agent.

5.8.2. Establish a singular computation and management process for Class VIII's surge and sustainment requirements. Identify, program for, and invest in the information and analytical tools necessary to implement an effective DoD Class VIII requirements management process.

5.8.3. Establish an effective operational relationship with DoD and Service medical logistics systems entities to achieve a singular representation of Class VIII requirements within DLA's logistics enterprise programs.

5.8.4. Manage distribution of surge and sustainment medical materiel from commercial sources to the theater of operations. Establish in theater operational relationships to ensure distribution of medical materiel to support tactical situations. Secure contingency materiel at commercial sources or preposition materiel in strategic locations to support Combatant Command operational requirements. Optimize use of allied military and host nation sources of medical materiel. Establish strategic alliances as necessary with other federal agencies and commercial partners in support of requirements.

5.8.5. Provide financial resources to achieve materiel readiness that supports Combatant Command operational requirements. Apply the Defense Worldwide Working Capital Fund to meet immediate inventory requirements. Consolidate DoD's Class VIII war reserve requirements to a single POM submission for surge and sustainment materiel.

5.8.6. Establish performance metrics for the Class VIII supply chain. Assess and report Class VIII supply chain performance and readiness to include a clear definition of surge and sustainment requirements and materiel on-hand or under contract to meet requirements.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

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Enclosures - 1

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ENCLOSURE 1

Definitions

Contingency Materiel. Materiel available to support contingency operations and wartime requirements. Materiel is held in military or commercial storage location and released to medical units in accordance with prior plan or Combatant Command direction. Primarily used for surge, resupply, and sustainment, but may meet initial outfitting as prescribed in support plan. War Reserve Materiel, Prime Vendor Surge, Vendor Managed Inventory, Stock Rotation Materiel and Corporate Exigency Contracts are all examples of contingency materiel. (CONOPS defined)

Executive Agent. The Head of a DoD Component to whom the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense has assigned specific responsibilities, functions, and authorities to provide defined levels of support for operational missions, or administrative or other designated activities that involve two or more DoD Components. (DoD Directive 5100.88)

Initial Outfitting. A Service defined process that establishes, creates, and fields the initial medical material set or assemblage. (CONOPS defined)

Lead Agent. Designated by Executive Agent to coordinate and/or execute day-to-day conduct of an ongoing operation or function. The lead agent coordinates support requirements, ensures cohesion among the supported activities, and is responsible for implementing the Executive Agent's guidance and decisions. (CONOPS defined)

Levels. Levels of medical care as defined in reference c.

Medical Materiel. Term to denote the Class VIIIA commodity includes pharmaceutical, medical-surgical, dental, medical laboratory, radiology, and optometry supplies as well as preventive medicine items and medical equipment. These various supplies and equipment constitute the items supported in the "medical supply chain." This CONOPS does not pertain to blood or blood products normally designated as Class VIIIB. (CONOPS defined)

Supply Chain. The linked activities associated with providing materiel from a raw materiel stage to an end user as a finished product. (JP 1-02)

Surge. The rapid provision of materiel and equipment to fill shortages, meet unanticipated requirements, or achieve contingency stock levels in theater. This materiel is normally released from military or commercial storage locations within hours of notification. Commercially based surge agreements and contracts are managed by DSCP to meet requirements generated by Services and Combatant Commanders. (CONOPS defined.)

Sustainment . The provision of personnel, logistics, and other support required to maintain and prolong operations or combat until successful accomplishment or revision of the mission or of the national objective. (JP 1-02)

